# Juvenile Justice Transformation: Progress to Date J&DR District Court Judicial Conference

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#### Agenda



- Where We Left Off
- Background Data
- Transformation Progress
- Family Day
- Next Steps
- Questions

#### A bout One Year Ago...



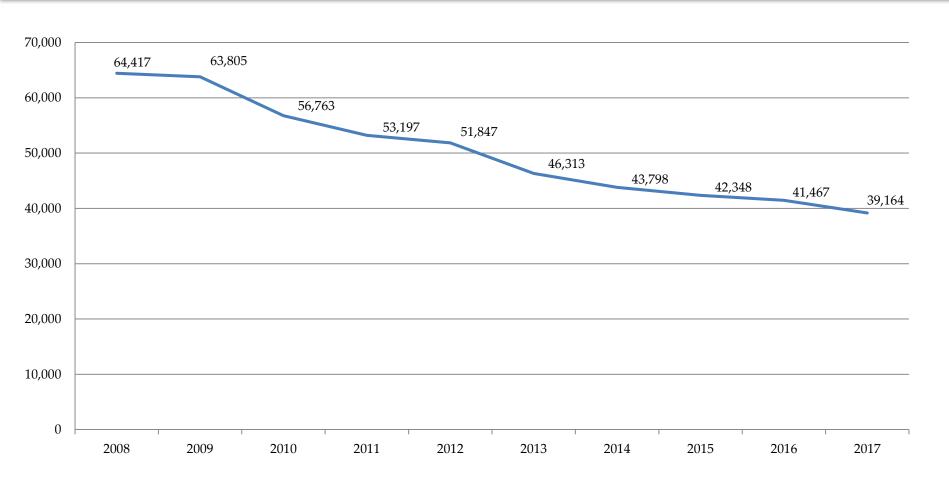
- New reinvestment authority
- Funding for new facility
- Authorization to Consolidate
- Direct Care Population of 380 (317/63)
- Just starting transportation for families
- Initial discussions of dispositional matrix
- 10 Community Treatment Models in the Juvenile Correctional Centers (JCCs)
- New Reentry Procedures

### **Background Data**



#### Juvenile Intake Cases FY 2008 - 2017

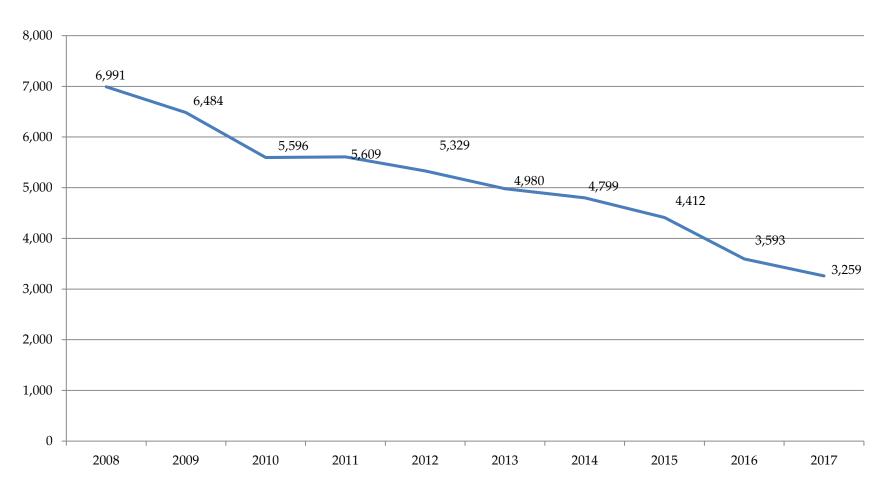




• Intake cases decreased 39% (25,253 cases) since FY 2008.

# Probation Placements, FY 2008-2017

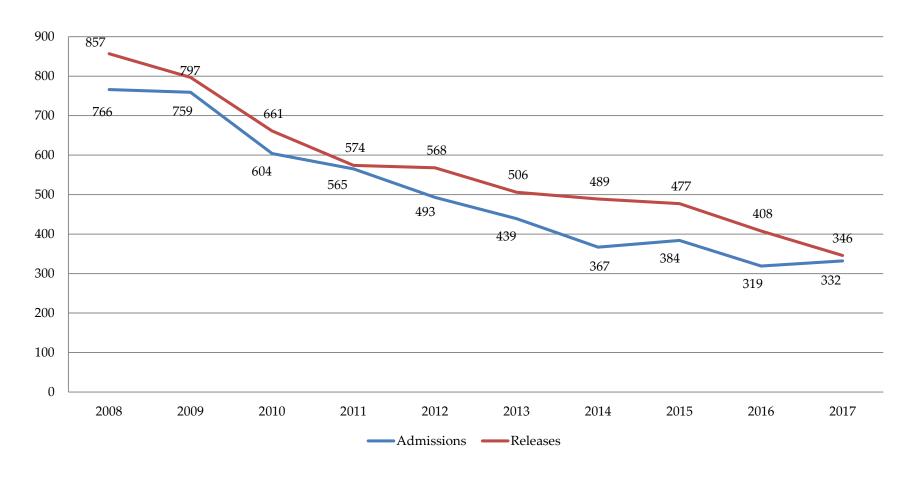




Probation placements decreased 50% (3,732 cases) since FY 2008.

# Direct Care Admissions and Releases, FY 2008 - 2017

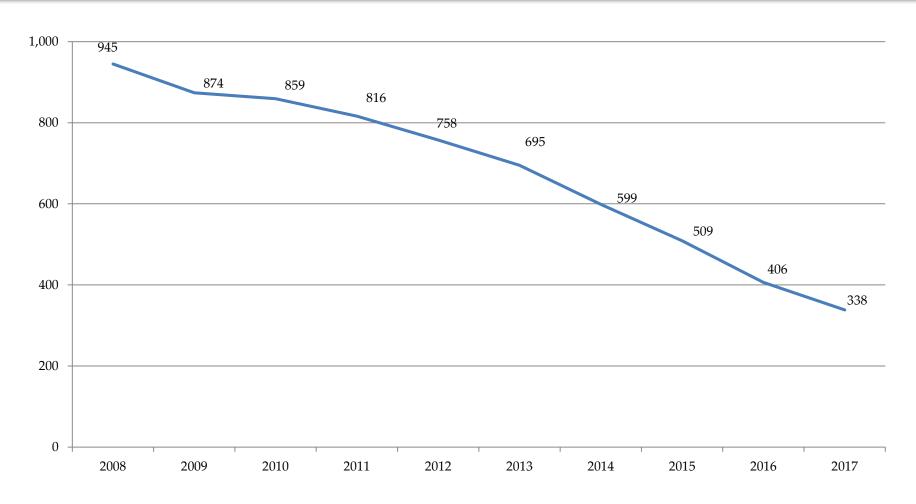




- Admissions decreased 57% (434 juveniles) since FY 2008.
- Releases decreased 60% (511 juveniles) since FY 2008.

# **Direct Care ADP, FY 2008 - 2017**

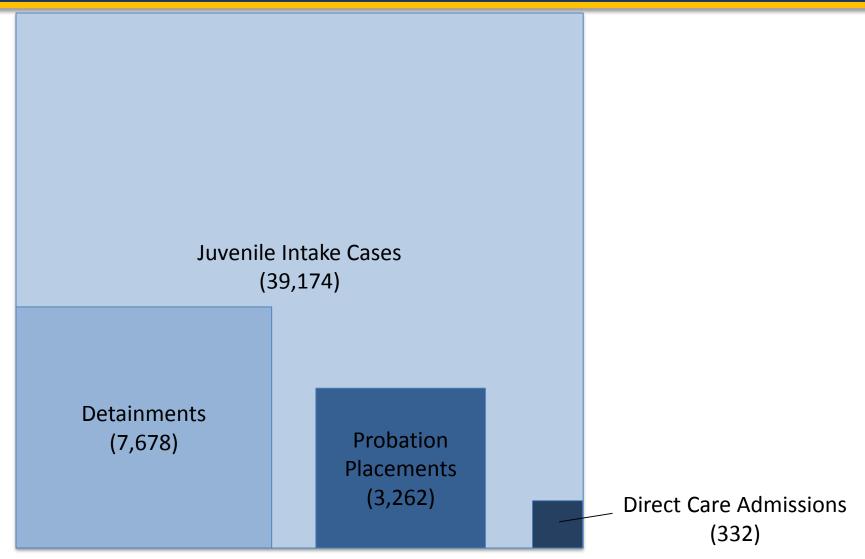




Direct care ADP decreased 64% (607 juveniles) since FY 2008.

#### Counts through the System, FY 2017





#### **DJJ Transformation**



#### Reduce

Use data and evidence to modify LOS policy

Uniform, effective, and data-driven probation practices

Develop more alternative placements for committed juveniles

#### Reform

Convert JCC units to Community Treatment Model

Improve educational and vocational programming

Improve family engagement

Enhance reentry planning and parole services

#### Replace

Expand the array of commitment placement alternatives by reinvesting correctional savings

Develop a Statewide Continuum of Services

Build new facilities that are safer, closer, smaller in scale, and designed for treatment to replace current JCCs

# Transformation = 3 R's + Sustain



• People/Culture

Continuity

• Strategic Plan

Alignment

# Transformation Progress: Reduce



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- New Length of Stay (LOS) Guidelines, effective October 15, 2015
- Expansion of the Community Placement Programs (CPPs) and other alternative placements
- Court Service Unit (CSU) practice improvement

#### **CSU Practice Improvement**



- New DAI Procedures
- EPICS Training
- YASI Fidelity Training
- Leadership Development for Supervisors
- Connecting CSUs with each other and with Residential Services
- Dispositional Matrix Progress

#### Reform



### Transformation Progress: Reform



- 18 Community Treatment Model Units (All of the Consolidated Bon Air Campus)
- Funding transportation for family visits to (1200 users in first year)
- Student Government
- Reentry
- Education
- Family Engagement

#### Reentry Procedures



#### New procedures designed to promote:

- Comprehensive guidance to all involved staff
- Increased parole and resident contacts
- Greater family involvement and support
- Identification of other supports, outside of immediate family members
- Earlier and more comprehensive reentry planning

#### **Education Initiatives**



#### With no new funding we have improved education:

- More highly qualified teachers
- Higher rates of standard and advanced diplomas
- Special Education progress
  - Compliance and performance
- More college classes
  - Started with none in 2014
  - Now offering up to 8 classes during the year
- Post-Graduate Academy
  - Response to an aging population
  - Integrate job readiness, college, and reentry planning

# JCC Residents with Governor and Staff

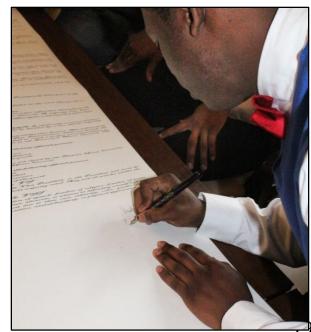




# Student Government Constitution Signing

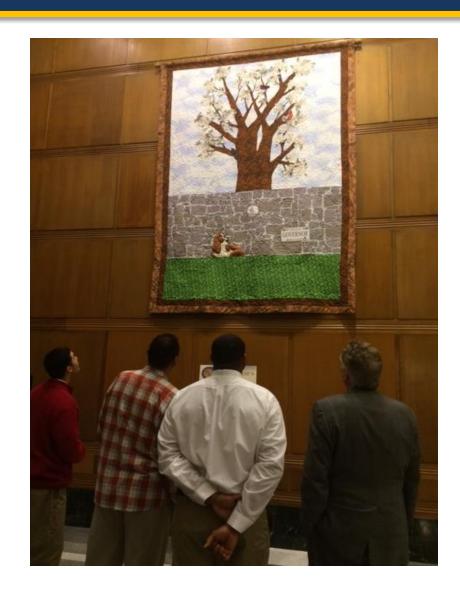






### **Governor's Quilt**





### **Visitation Transportation**





# Transformation Progress: Replace



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- New CPP capacity (Approx. 84 beds)
- Beaumont/Bon Air Consolidation
- Chesapeake
- Started building out the continuum 1/17
  - EBA (N,C,W regions) AMI (S and E regions)

#### First 2 Quarters of RSC's



#### • AMI

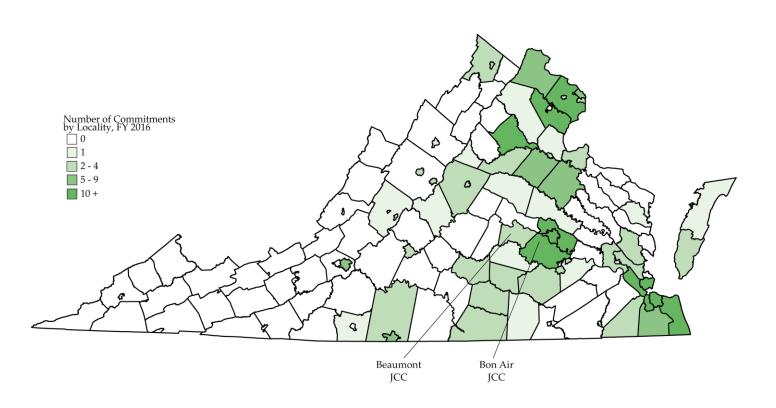
- 269 youth referred
- 462 services initiated
- 46 Providers (including residential) under Contract
- New Contracts for MST and FFT

#### • EBA

- 298 youth referred
- 401 services initiated
- 80 Providers (including residential) under contact
- New Contracts for MST and FFT

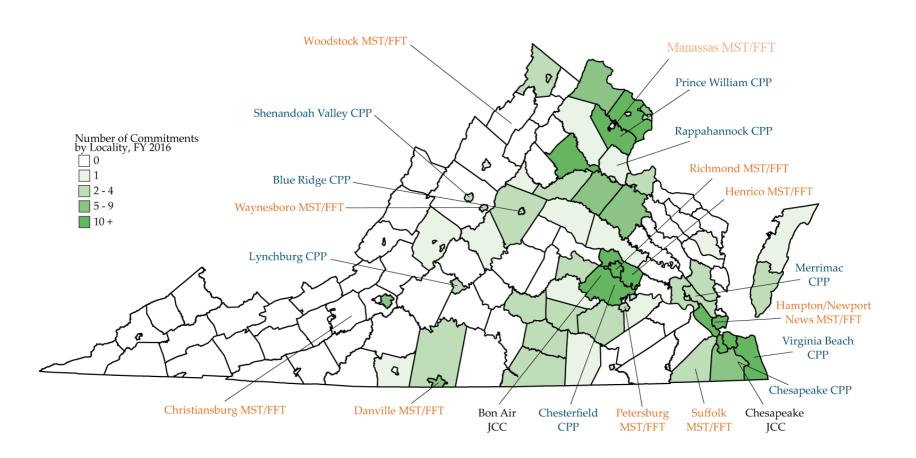
# Direct Care Placement Options on 7/1/14





### **Current/Future Direct Care Placement Options – JCCs, CPPs, and MSTs/FFTs**





# Transformation Progress: Sustain



#### Sustain



New Strategic Goal

- Various Initiatives
  - Staff Recruiting and Retention (HR reforms)
  - JTI
  - Strategic Plan
  - Alignment of Work
- Core Principles: Staff and Youth should experience...
  - Safety
  - Connection
  - Purpose
  - Fairness

### Sustain: Guiding Principles



- Staff and Youth should experience...
  - Safety
  - Connection

- Purpose
- Fairness

#### **Sustainability Indicators**



- Workmen's Compensation (rounded)
  - -CY 15 = \$1,400,000
  - -CY 16 = \$619,000
  - -YTD = \$354,000
- CSU Vacancies
  - *-* 8/31/14 = **91**
  - -8/31/17 = 49
- Staff Grievances
  - -CY 13 = 99
  - -CY 16 = 36
  - -YTD = 21

### **Family Day**



- 1st time since 2009
- Invitation from Governor and First Lady
- Staff Participation
  - 10+ CSU represented
  - 40+ Central Office and CSU staff
  - 78% of Division of Education staff
  - 24 Bon Air security series staff
  - 126 Bon Air residential staff
  - 40+ Bon Air non residential staff

#### **Residents and Families**



- 325 family members attended family day
- 136 residents attended family day
- 71 family members attended regular visitation
- 28 residents attended regular visitation

# Sponsors, Partners, and Volunteers



- Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Assisting Families of Inmates
- Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office
- City of Richmond Police Department
- Department of Corrections K-9 Unit
- Foster View Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Hanover County Sheriff's Office
- James River Transportation
- Vango Transportation
- Virginia State Police
- VERA Institute of Justice

### **Family Day Photos**





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### **Special Guest!**





### **More of the Governor**





### **Guest Speakers**









### Family Day Video



#### What's Next?



- Chesapeake JCC design
- Tackling Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- Violence prevention
- Dispositional Matrix
- Sustainability

### **Questions?**

